[Translation]

Introduction of Bhagalpur-Delhi-Model Train

432. SHRI JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the reasons for not introducing Bhagalpur-Delhi Model train, which was already included in Railway Time Table, and the time by which it is likely to be introduced;

(b) the reasons for not introducing Bhagalpur-Patna inter-city Express which was announced earlier and the time by which it is likely to be introduced; and

(c) the reasons for not providing stoppage of inter-city Express at Bariyarpur where all the trains including Vikramshila and Bhagalpur-Muzaffarpur train stop ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN) : (a) and (b) There is no proposal at present to introduce a train between Bhagalpur and Delhi or between Bhagalpur and Patna and no such trains were announced or included in the new time Table w.e.f. August,1997.

(c) Stoppagpe of 3419/3420 Bhagalpur-Muzaffarpur intercity Express has been provided at Bariyarpur w.e.f. 1.8.97.

[English]

Action Plan of GSI

433. SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL : Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Geological Survey of India has drawn out any plan of action for 1997-98/Ninth Plan within the ambit of restructured strategies and priorities as demanded by the process of globalisation and liberalisation;

(b) if so, the details thereof, region-wise;

(c) requirement of funds for various activities proposed to be undertaken-including modernisation of equipment and machinery to carry out minerals exploration of critical minerals and R & D programme relating to environmental and geotechnical activities; and

(d) the details of the programmes proposed during 1997-98 State-wise in general and particular for Maharashtra State ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA) : (a) and (b) Yes,Sir. Schemes-wise physical targets of work programmes of Geological Survey of India for the Ninth Plan and operational year 1997-98 (w.e.f. 1.10.97 to 30.9.98) with details of the States/regions for each programme are given in the attached Statement-I and -II respectively.

(c) Ninth Plan outlay of geological Survey of India is Rs.1381.95 crores out of which Rs.936.95 crores is for capital replacement and modernisation efforts, and the balance Rs.445 crores for the operations.

(d) The details of the programmes proposed during operational year 1997-98 with name of the States/regions for each programme are indicated in Statement-II refeferred to in reply to parts (a) and (b) above. The details of the field season programmes for the State of Maharashtra for the operational year 1997-98 are given in Statement-III.

Statement-I

Scheme-wise physical Target for the IX Plan period

Scheme		Activity & Target
1	2	3
I.	MINERAL EXPLORATION	
	A. Non-Coal Minerals/Metals	LSM-10,000 sq. km.
	1. Basemetals Programme-45	DM-110 sq. km.
	Investigations in Rajasthan,Gujarat	Drilling—85,600 m.
	Karnataka, Bihar, Orissa, W. Bengal,Madhya	GCS-40,000 nos.
	Pradesh, J & K , Maharashtra, Arunachal,	GPS-1200 l.km.
	Meghalaya, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Uttar	PT-2,000 cu.m.
	Pradesh & Andhra Pradesh.	
	2. Gold Programme -55	LSM-18,000 sq.km.
	Investigation in	DM-134 sq.km.
	Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka,Tamila Nadu,	Drilling-1,70,000 m.
	Kerala, Bihar, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh,	GCS-79,000 nos.
	Maharashtra, Rajasthan & West	GPS-1,000 l km.
	Bengal.	PT-17,000 cu.m.